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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF NAMES TO THREE VEHICLE CARGO SHIPS

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To advise addressees of the approved names for vehicle cargo ships authorized for construction.

2. <u>Classification and Name</u>. The following names are hereby effective.

CLASS	IFICATION _	NAME
T-AKR	302	SEAY
T-AKR	311	SISLER
T-AKR	312	DAHL

3. Name Sources

a. SEAY (T-AKR 302) honors Sergeant William W. Seay, USA (1948-1968), awarded a Medal of Honor for gallantry while serving as a driver in a transportation company in Vietnam. On 25 August 1968, the convoy with which he was travelling was ambushed while carrying critically needed ammunition and supplies. Sergeant Seay twice exposed himself to enemy fire to return enemy grenades thrown into his position. After suffering a painful wound to his right wrist, he stood up and fired his rifle with his left hand, killing three enemy soldiers and saving the lives of other men in his location. Sergeant Seay was subsequently mortally wounded by a sniper. No previous ship has been named SEAY.

- b. SISLER (T-AKR 311) honors Lieutenant George K. Sisler, USA (1937-1967), awarded a Medal of Honor for gallantry while serving as a platoon leader/advisor to a Special United States/Vietnam Exploitation Force. On 7 February 1967, while on patrol deep in enemy territory, his platoon was attacked from three sides by a company-sized enemy force. A single-handed charge by Lieutenant Sisler, using rifle fire and grenades, halted the attack and forced the enemy to withdraw. He continued to move about, directing air strikes on enemy positions until he fell mortally wounded. No previous ship has been named SISLER.
- c. DAHL (T-AKR 312) honors Specialist Fourth Class Larry G. Dahl, USA (1949-1971), awarded a Medal of Honor for gallantry while serving as machine gunner on a truck in Vietnam on 23 February 1971. When an enemy hand grenade was thrown into the truck occupied by Specialist Dahl, he covered the grenade without regard for his own life. His body absorbed the blast of the grenade and saved the lives of his fellow soldiers. No previous ship has been named DAHL.

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